GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

EFS&T - Disciplinary action against Sri V.Nagendra Rao, Dy.RO(Retd), SF Section, Nuzvid of SF Division, Vijayawada formerly worked in PR Gudem Section, Kannapuram Range of Eluru Division of Rajahmundry Circle - Article of Charge issued – Inquiry report of Inquiry Officer communicated– Show Cause Notice issued– Explanation received - Imposing a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of two(2) years – Final Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 79 Dated: 10-11-2017
Read the following:

1. From the PCCF, Lr. Rc. No. 8059/2013/A&DC-2, dt.10.04.2017.
2. G.M. No. 1673/For.IV/A1/2017, dt. 30.05.2017.
3. From the PCCF,Lr. Rc. No. 8059/2013/A&DC-2, dt.29.06.2017
4. From Sri V. Nagendra Rao, DRO(Retd.), Lr. dt.16.08.2017.
5. Govt. Lr. No.1673/Sec.IV/A1/2017, dt.12.09.2017.
6. From the Secretary, APPSC, Lr. No.750/DC&C/1/2017, dt.21.10.2017.

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In the reference 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Guntur has informed that an Article of Charge was issued against Sri V.Nagendra Rao, Dy.Range Officer, SF Section, Nuzvid of SF Division, Vijayawada formerly worked in PR Gudem Section, Kannapuram Range of Eluru Division of Rajahmundry Circle by CF,Rajahmundry vide CF, Rajamundry Rc.No.2901/2011/M8, dt.10.01.2012 (AoC), on following count:

Article: "That he had exhibited gross negligence of duty resulting into destruction of forests worth Rs.2,41,662-00 in P.R.Gudem Section, Kannapuram Range of Eluru Division"

2. The Charged Officer acknowledged the Article of Charge on 17.01.2012 and submitted his written statement of defence on 19.01.2012. The Conservator of Forests Rajahmundry appointed the Divisional Forest Officer, Eluru as Inquiry Officer and the Forest Range Officer, Kannapuram as Presenting Officer respectively, for conducting regular inquiry vide CF Rajahmundry Lr.dt.03.05.2012.

3. The Inquiry Officer completed enquiry and submitted his findings to Conservator of Forests, Rajahmundry vide DFO, Eluru Rc.No.7529/2010/S3, dt.17.04.2012, in which he concluded that:-

- The charge of exhibited gross negligence of duty resulting in to destruction of forest growth worth Rs.1,70,812/- in PR Gudem section of Kannapuram Range is held proved.

- Along with the Delinquent Officer the concerned staff are also responsible for the destruction occurred.

4. The findings of Inquiry Officer were communicated to the Charged Officer vide PCCF Reference No.8059/2013/K1, dt.13.05.2013 and called for the further defence statement of Charged Officer. The Charged Officer submitted his further defence statement vide CF, Rajamundry Rc.No.2901/2011-M8, dt.8.6.2015.

5. The Charged Officer retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation on 30.06.2012. Hence, the disciplinary proceedings are continued under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

6. After careful examination of the matter, with reference to the findings of the Inquiry Officer, the remarks of the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests and material made available, Government have observed that the charge framed against the Charged Officer is held proved and provisionally decided to impose a penalty of 5% (five) cut in pension for a period of (2) two years on the charged officer, Sri V.Nagendra Rao, DRO(Retd) formerly DRO, SF Section, Nuzvid of SF Division, Vijayawada under rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

7. Accordingly a Show-Cause-Notice was issued to the retired officer vide reference 2nd read above. The Charged Officer has agreed to the proposed punishment vide reference 4th read above.

8. Government, after careful examination of the matter hereby order to to impose a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of (2) two years against the retired Charged Officer Sri V. Nagendra Rao, DRO(Retd.), under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

9. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Guntur shall take action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G. ANANTHA RAMU
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Guntur.
The Individual (through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests).

Copy to:
The Accountant General (A&E) A.P., Hyderabad.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Ibrahimpatnam, Vijayawada.
The Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad
(with ref. to Lr.No.750/DC&C/1/2017, dt.21.10.2017).
The PS to Minister(EFS&T)
The PS to Principal Secretary, EFS&T Department.

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SECTION OFFICER